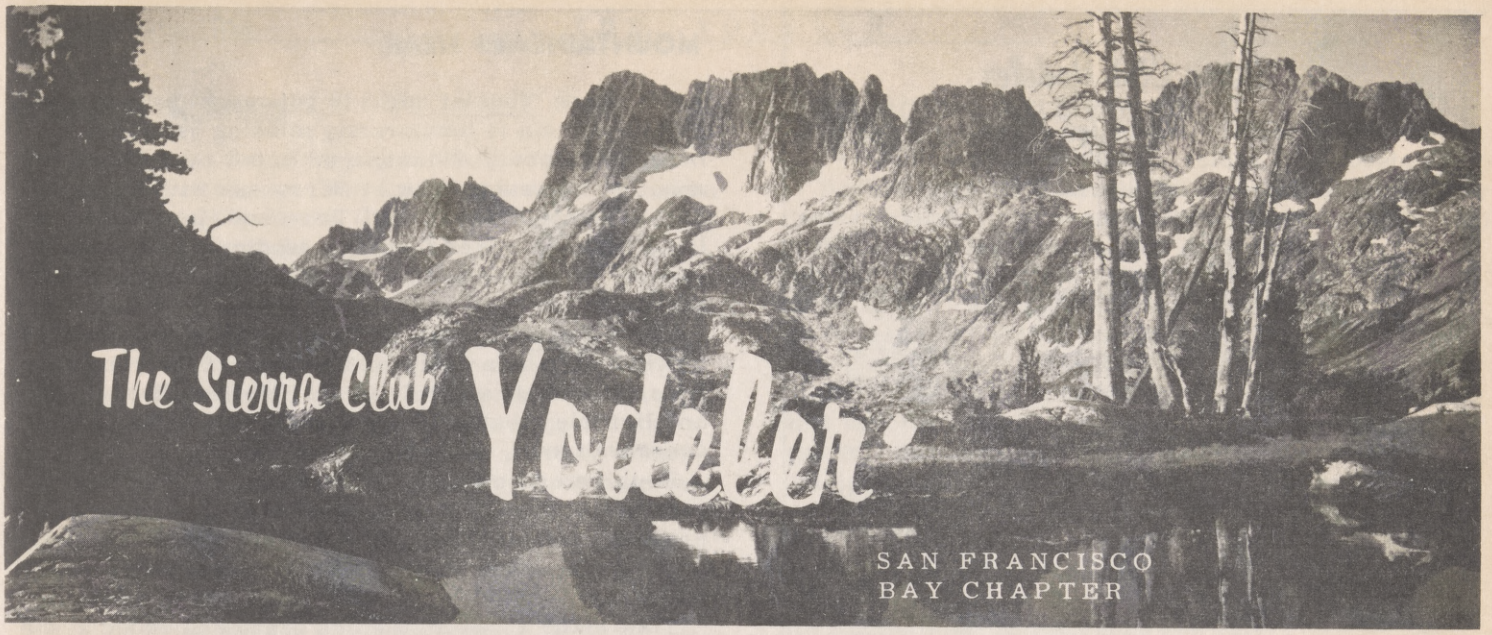

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Recent distribution of Sierra Club material by candidates for Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District has brought up the subject of club policy in political campaigns. Along with all other club publications The Yodeler has been given the following official:

NOTE ON ELECTIONS

To answer a question that a few members have raised, it is the policy of the club that no officer or representative in his official capacity, and no club publication, shall participate or intervene on behalf of a candidate for public office.

Thus the club neither supports nor opposes candidates. It concerns itself, among many other programs, with conservation issues.

Club members as individuals are free, of course, to act as they choose and to carry their own conservation convictions with them on all occasions, including election day.

The more good conservation becomes good politics, the better off the future generations will be. The Sierra Club has always tried to vote for those future generations.

-- David R. Brower
Executive Director

HELP ! HELP !

Yodeler circulation department wants someone to learn the business. Time: third Monday of month, September to June, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Place: Sierra Club office. Write a card to Yodeler editor and we will call you.

SENATE HEARING IN SAN FRANCISCO

The most important event of the near future is the Senate Committee hearing on the Wilderness Bill to be held in San Francisco on Monday, November 10. The Sierra Club is making vigorous efforts towards a full representation of conservation organizations in support of the bill, for we may be sure the opposition will be there in force. Senator Richard Neuberger will conduct the hearings for the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. The place: the auditorium of the City Department of Public Health, 101 Grove Street (Polk and Grove). The time: 10 A.M. Monday, November 10. If you can be there, to listen and occupy a chair on the proper side of the room, even if not to present a statement, you will be assisting the Wilderness Bill toward a good start in the new session of Congress. Even better, if you can write a statement in the form of a letter supporting the Wilderness Bill, send it to:

Senator Richard L. Neuberger
Hearing on S-4028, November 10
Public Health Building
101 Grove Street
San Francisco, California

-- CMC

CAR CAMPERS

Yosemite sans crowds? Join the car-campers November 8-9 (and 10 and 11, if you can). We can expect fall colors to greet this last trip of the season.

We will headquarter at Camp 4 for camp-fire, information, hiking. Beautiful Yosemite Valley, without sardines.

See Schedule for leaders and transportation.

-- Jim Planakis

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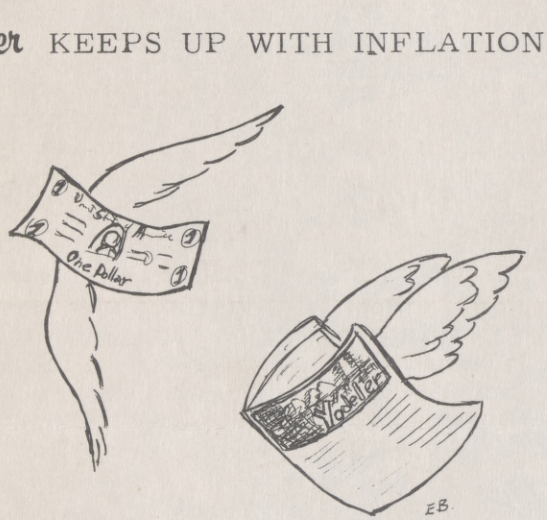


For many years now the YODELER has been in existence and during that time there have been lots of changes, we hope most of them for the better, interesting news of people and events, changes in plans, to say nothing of the good looking print job and paper we now receive! With inflation still putting wings on our dollars, the price of our new sheet has hardly increased. Up to now we received all the Chapter's latest for only 6-2/3¢ an issue. In order to continue with our improved style and keep you, the reader, caught up with the news, to keep the YODELER up with the world, we are going to have to increase the price just a little -- up to 10¢ an issue or $2.00 per year. We hope that with these new prices we will be able to improve the contents with more pictures, maps, and other features. -- LE

MOUNTAINEARS HEAR

DB chose Yodeler night to get caught by a bad cold, so this column is temporarily missing her touch ... between sneezes, she managed to tell over the phone about going water skiing at Berryessa with Herb Sabel, Monte Rowell, Carl Trost and Hal Anger. Being a little too eager for a dry landing, Herb tried to stay on the staves all the way in. He hit the beach but hard!

The Yodeler extends condolences to Board Members Lewis and Nathan Clark on the death of their mother. Also, to friends and relatives of Melissa Berry, SC and Berkeley Garden Club member and widely known conservationist, on her death.

Doug Peterson and Ike Eikrem, who really like to get out and stretch their legs on vacation treks, covered 125 miles of Olympic National Park Trails au pied*. The rest of this story is excerpted from theirs:

They made a loop trip which began and ended at the Dosewallips Ranger Station. The hike took them through the "Enchanted Valley" to the Low Divide, Lakes Mary and Margaret, the Queets Basin, Mt. Olympus, Hayden Pass, and Moose Lake.

They were most impressed with the Queets Basin, extending between the glaciers of Mt. Olympus, Mt. Queets, and Mt. Meany. There they saw a large herd of Olympic Elk grazing on the grassy slopes.

Berries were plentiful, especially blue-berries and huckleberries in the higher regions. Fish were so easy to catch that two boys easily caught enough fish for a whole boy scout troop each evening.

It was surprising to learn that the most impressive thing on that hike was not the dense rain forests, nor the cascading waterfalls, nor the many glaciers, but rather an attractive young lady who was hiking the same trail alone, carrying all her supplies for ten days or more of hiking. "Like Venus descending from Mt. Olympus," said Ike. "But she was going the opposite direction," complained Doug. (Note: This happened near Olympus.)

-- AR

* We hope this means "on foot."

EAST BAY DINNER NOV. 5

This East Bay Dinner promises you a glimpse into a world all its own, where the change of day into night is compounded by the wet and dry of the changing tides.

Stanley Abrams will give us a look at "Life in Pacific Tidepools" with an unusual series of slides showing the fascinating life seen along the coast at low tide with closeups of strange creatures in an unusual environment.

Come to Willard Junior High School, Telegraph Avenue at Ward Street, Berkeley, at 5:30 to talk and by 6:30 to eat, to be followed by the program. For dinner reservations or further information, call Pearl Adolphson, THornwall 5-3471 before 10 P.M. on November 3.

COUNCIL MEETING

Los Angeles captured a great deal of San Francisco's reputation as "the City that knows how" when it entertained the Sierra Club Council members at the fall meeting of the Council and the Annual Dinner of the Angeles Chapter on October 18. Thanks to Ruth Schrader and her crew of helpers, the Council members were met, transported, and provided for with unobtrusive efficiency. Only the weather did not show its best side, and even that was corrected by air-conditioned meeting rooms.

The Council agenda covered many matters affecting the whole membership. A study of possible revision of the by-laws brought out a long discussion. The size of the Board of Directors, ways in which they can be assured of the special skills needed for the office of treasurer, the matter of dues and of election of members, and the status of club committees, and many other ways in which the by-laws can be simplified were carefully examined before they were passed to the Board of Directors as recommended by the Council. The fields in which club and chapter conservation committees may act were also given much thought during discussion of the report on conservation administration now being completed. Club members will hear much more about these matters when Council delegates have reported back to their own Executive Committees. Once again it was obvious that the Council is of immense value in providing personal contact, and stimulus through discussion, to chapter and committee representatives from many parts of the West Coast.

-- CMC

WHAT COMES IN DECEMBER? SIERRA CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Tickets go on sale October 25 for what committee members promise will be Sierra Club's superest super Christmas Party ever. The event will take place Saturday night, December 6, at Glenview Women's Club, 1318 Glenfield Avenue (off Park Boulevard), Oakland. Murray Peterson and his orchestra will start the dance music at 9 P.M.

Buffet supper will be served throughout the evening, under the guidance of Betty Christler.

Betty Klevesahl is Party Chairman.

Walt Oppenheimer (OVerland 1-5536) and members of his committee (when appointed) will sell tickets happily.

-- As reported by Georgella Perry

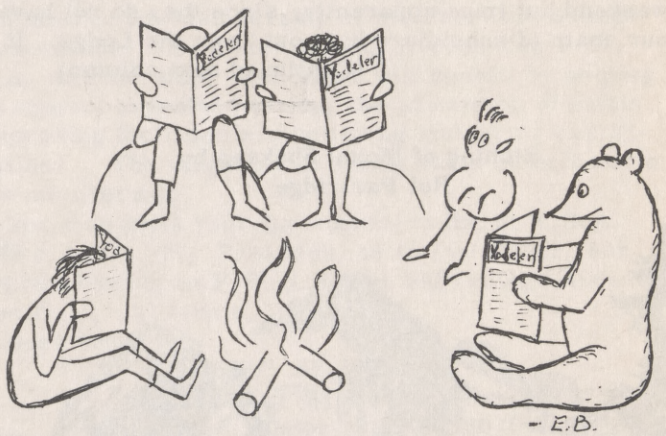
FOUND A rappel patch left at Indian Rock on September 21st. Owner may contact Marcia Gaines at TWinoaks 3-1767.

FOR SALE Ski Boots - in excellent condition. Size 8, selling for $27.95. Call WAlnut 1-2365, evenings 7 to 10.

GEOLOGICAL FIELD TRIP TO DESOLATION VALLEY

Hopefully another Sierra Club knapsacking tradition was established the weekend of October 10 and 11 when Phil Lydon of Sacramento led 8 SF Bayers and 1 Mother Loder on a geological field trip starting from Echo Lake. Equipped with rock hammers, compass, hand lens, field-made plumb bobs, 3H pencils, protractors, 2 pages of explanatory material (last 4 items thoughtfully provided by Herr Professor Lydon) and several varieties of maps, in addition to their packs, the group took almost 8 hours to cover 6 miles to Lake of the Woods but they learned all about attitudes (dips and strikes to those in the know) and how to trace the path of a glacier and just plain enjoyed the beautiful day. At evening campfire we swapped stories (Phil can deliver a shaggy dog tale as smoothly as he dispenses geological information) and then sang all Pat Cone's favorite folk songs to the tune of her guitar. Sunday, after a lazy breakfast, we climbed Keith's Dome for more views and knowledge and samples of epidolite, granodiorite, etcetera, etcetera. Had you known there is very little granite in the Range of Light?

Now back to our first sentence: Phil will lead another field trip to another part of the Sierra as early in the spring as we can get there. Send him a postcard, c/o Division of Mines, Office Building No. 1, Sacramento, if you want to be kept posted. And in the meantime take advantage of the fascinating, inexpensive literature published for a price by the Division of Mines (SF Office is in the Ferry Building)--the Monthly Information Bulletin is only $1.00 yearly; the geological guides to the SF Bay Region, Mother Lode Highway 49, the Minerals of California and Evolution of the California Landscape are slightly more and decidedly worthwhile.



In the Sierra Club practically everybody reads the Yodeler

FOR RENT Apartment (for a woman) in Berkeley Hills. Small but sufficient and attractive. Fireplace, refrigerator. $60 covers rent, garage and utilities. Call AShberry 3-2159.

LOCAL GIRL UP NORTH

I feel that I cannot properly resign my office as secretary (I have already done so, of course, but this phrase is more impressive!) without pointing out that the MANDATE OF THE PEE-PUL has been arrogantly flouted by a certain officer of the Bay Chapter. A resolution was passed all but unanimously--only one voice raised in opposition -- that Ned Robinson should participate in a snowshoe trip. THIS WAS NOT DONE. Steps should be taken this winter to make sure that this very necessary step in his education should be completed.

I don't know what Randy and Cicely wrote to the Sierra Club members up here, but before I have attended a meeting or met any of the members here I received a letter asking me to run for the executive board of the Northwest Chapter!

There is a tremendous amount of absolutely glorious country up here. I have only seen some of it, but am widening my acquaintance with it nearly every weekend. The first weekend I was in town I was invited to join a group making a 4-mile hike on Mount Rainier. We climbed up a ridge through a dense forest, and suddenly came out on a meadow with Mount Rainier just across a deep valley and looming high over our heads. It was breathtaking! The following weekend I went on a work party to the Mount Baker Hut the Mountaineers are building -- again a superb view of Mount Shuksan.

The terrain here is much more precipitous than our beloved Sierra. So far at least I have seen one of the upland meadows and open wooded ridges--the land is all up and down, and the forest too thick with undergrowth to be able to take off cross-country as we can do so happily. It is magnificent, but not quite as friendly a country (I don't mean the people, but the terrain). I was interested to note that the Mountaineers take snowshoe trips, too, although not weekend hut trips apparently, since they do not have our chain of subsidiary huts out from the Lodge. It

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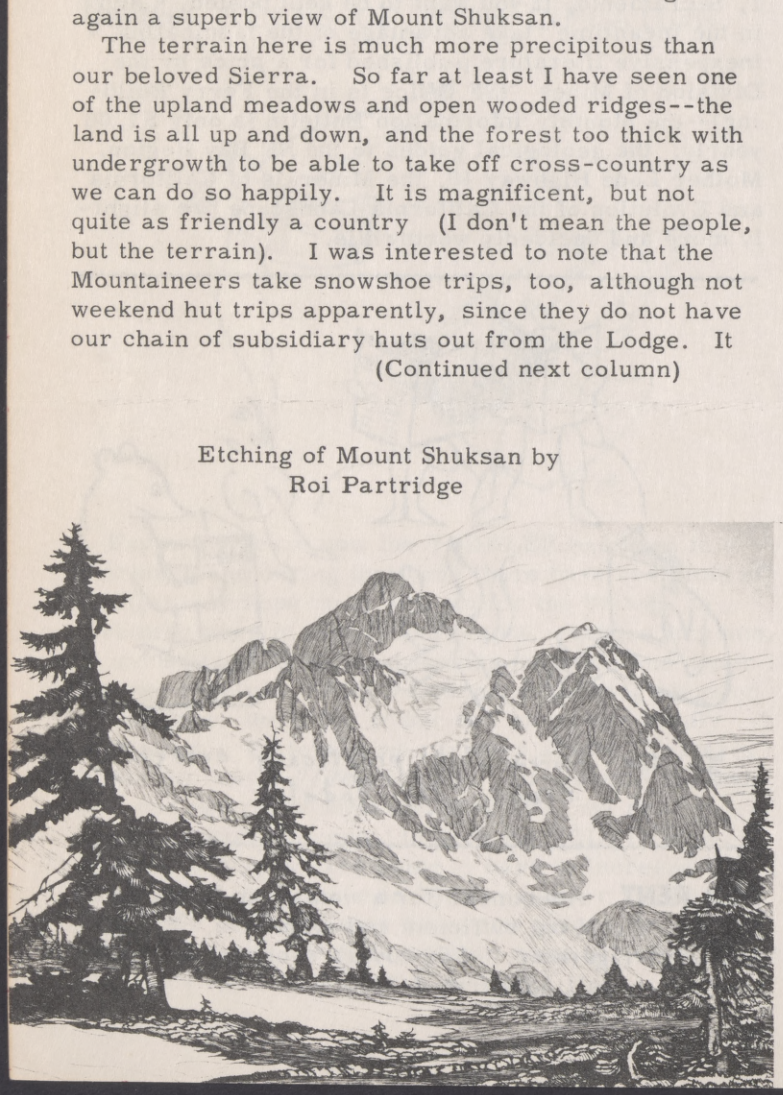
Etching of Mount Shuksan by
Roi Partridge



NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION LOOKS OVER PROPOSED RECREATION AREA

The Natural Science Section Outing October 12th gave almost 50 lucky people a chance to see the fascinating back country of Bolinas Ridge which has been proposed as a National Recreation area. Leader was Dr. Paul Wilson of College of Marin, who knows this country thoroughly and was able to get permits for the group to enter two private ranches, used mainly for hunting and almost empty of people, though only a few miles from San Francisco.

We saw the fine mixed forest on the eastern slopes of the ridge near Olema, the lumber mill which is busily cutting up the big Douglas firs, lime kilns which were abandoned a century ago, and out towards the ocean they saw lakes, valleys and fine beaches. It looked as good a stretch of country for recreation as any the Coast Range has to offer. The day was free of wind and fog. The ocean sparkled and hundreds of birds -- pelicans, ducks, hawk -- were seen around the cliffs and lakes.

The group had a clear view of the curving beach which runs past Drake's Bay to Point Reyes. This shoreline, including Drake's Estero, would be included in the proposed Recreation Area, but the dairy ranches back of it would not. According to Dr. Wilson, this does not prevent the owners of the ranches from vigorously opposing a plan they probably do not yet fully understand. The beaches would form a panhandle to the hills of Bolinas Ridge which would be the solid core of the proposed National Recreation area.

Much more will be heard about this proposal, and the hikers have seen for themselves the possibilities of this country.

-- NSS Committee Release

LOCAL GIRL UP NORTH (Continued)

makes me realize anew how fortunate the Sierra Club has been that the policy of establishing those huts was formulated. Bless the families who gave the money to build them, and the members who gave the time for construction!

I hadn't expected the mountains to be so visible from Seattle itself. The first evening after I arrived, I was looking for apartment houses on Queen Anne Hill and suddenly rounded a corner to find myself on a bluff overlooking the Sound, with the Olympics in all their jagged glory JUST across the water and silhouetted against the setting sun. I promptly lost all interest in apartment-hunting until the light faded. The Olympics are not always visible--but on a clear day they are very prominent to the west, and the Cascades visible, although not so close, on the east as I drive home from work. And Mount Rainier shows itself on occasion, and when it does it appears a most improbable backdrop to the city--the effect one sees at beach photographers' layouts, with a highly colored and unrealistic scene of Waikiki against which one may be photographed. Since the base of the mountain is usually hidden in mist, the effect is that of a stage backdrop rather improbably propped up behind the city.

-- Helen Waterman

SNONEWS BY ROBERTA CODIS

OLYMPICS

Much progress has been made in preparation for the 1960 Winter Olympics -- in fact, you'd hardly recognize Squaw Valley -- there is a new Riblet lift up Papoose Peak, construction of the jumps is well under way as is that of the skating rinks (5) of which one will be open to the public this winter. Construction of a lift to the top of KT-22 is to be completed by December 15; plans for extension of the avalanche-prone Squaw Peak Lift are under consideration. One wing of the Olympic Village is also to be ready for occupancy by this winter. Come and see the changes for yourself.

C T L

Unfortunately, due to school schedule, I have been unable to get first-hand information concerning progress of the work parties, except that they are still going on and as usual all the help we can get will get the job done that much sooner. Second-hand information is that the foundation for the north-west corner addition is poured, work proceeds on both the last branch of the leech-line, and more inside work (repainting, repairing, etc.) is being started, most important for you skiers--the rope tow is about ready to go--all we need is snow.

For those interested, the Ski Section of Advanced First Aid (must have completed Standard and Advanced within last three years) will start in Berkeley, 2116 Allston Way, Mondays, beginning November 24th. The Winter Refresher will be held at the Sierra Club, Norden, Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7 (4 hours classroom and 2 hours on the hill each day, if there is snow). This is required annually to keep your first aid cards current. Ski Patrolmen I.D. Cards are issued on the basis of your attendance at a refresher course.

For those of you who have not as yet seen the last issue of National Skiing, there was an article portraying the very harrying 9-day ordeal experienced by the 6 Stanford University students, as told by Lennie Lamb. If you are interested in this story and others that concern the Far West, you may join and receive this magazine. By joining FWSA you GIVE: Support to our own Ski Patrol, Support to the FWSA in urging State and Federal Officials to develop and use public resources, Support to international Skiing events, Support to Junior Skiing. Contact Don Huber, 802 College Avenue, Kentfield, for further information.

THE GREATEST SKI EVENT OF THE YEAR

(THE ALPINEER CLUB SKI SWAP)

Here's how it will work: If you have any used ski equipment you wish to sell -- skis, boots, poles, bindings, pants, parkas, sleeping bags, or just any related articles -- bring them to the SKI SWAP. They will register and help you price each article, place it on display tables for sale, and then anyone wishing to purchase it may do so by paying at the cashier's desk. You, the seller, get the full price when it is sold, as a service of the Alpineer Club. There is a nominal 10¢ per article charge.

Purpose: To give new skiers the chance to buy used equipment, and for the experienced skier, an opportunity to obtain money to buy new and better equipment at local ski shops.

Five ski shops will have display booths, and there will be modeling of new ski styles by beautiful Bay Area Snow Queens.

You may stand around, listen to music, watch the Alpineer's Folk Dance Demonstration, patronize the moderate price Beverage Bar, and watch slides and movies of skiing at Sugar Bowl, etc.

Your FREE admission includes a chance at a door prize. Special Grand Prizes, which include such items as Head-Skis, 10 Days Sun Valley Ski Tour, Reno Weekend for Two, etc., are announced--you'll have to ask an Alpineer member how to win one of these.

See you there: Saturday, November 22, California Hall, Polk and Turk, San Francisco, 7:00 P.M. to midnight.

-- Alpineer

BE A FAR WEST SKIER

Skiing members of the Sierra Club will want to be included in the membership of the Far West Skiing Association. By either joining or renewing F.W.S.A. membership, each skier will benefit by helping to support organized skiing, the promotion of safety, improving facilities and bettering instructor certifications. The magazine of skiing alone is well worth the membership.

You may send your dues direct to the F.W.S.A. office, Box 374, Pasadena, or to Don Huber, our representative on F.W.S.A., at 802 College Avenue, Kentfield, California.

Dues schedule:

Member: $2.50
Husband or Wife of Member: $1.25
Junior (under 18): $1.50
Racing Card: $2.00

Be sure to note your Sierra Club affiliation if your dues go to Pasadena, as unattached dues are $3.50.

-- John A. Linford

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Just to get you "in the mood" . . . better get your skiis and other gear checked over for winter soon.

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GOING TO THE HALLOWE'EN PARTY?

(The following is for that select group of Yodeler readers whose copies reach them before October 25 -- a matter of luck, not of influence.)

If you have your ticket (deadline for purchase is October 22), but no transportation from San Francisco, telephone transportation coordinator Eleanor Knuth, MIssion 7-2614.

-- Barbara Tilden

TREE IDENTIFICATION FIELD TRIP

On November 16, Malcolm Smith will lead a Natural Science field trip to study Marin County trees. Bring keys for the field identification of trees, or obtain mimeographed keys prepared by Tom Howell which will be available on the trip.

Take 8:05 A.M. bus to Fairfax from the 7th St. Greyhound Station in San Francisco, or meet at the bus station in Fairfax at 9:30 A.M. We will drive to Deer Park and hike to Lake Lagunitas. Round trip hiking, about 5 miles. Bring lunch.

CHAPTER DAY

The annual Chapter Day started with a hike shortly after noon through the Botanical Garden at Tilden Park, led by Paul Covel. He explained about the many wonders of nature found in the Garden. Alan McCharles took over after the tour and led a hike to Inspiration Point and back to the Brazilian Room for the meeting.

Executive Committee Chairman Ned Robinson conducted the meeting. Don Evers introduced executive committee nominees. Brief talks were given by members of the various committees.

Dinner followed the meeting, with Hasse Bunnelle as chief chef and Simon Miedema, Wes Bunnelle and Pat Cone working out such attendant details as seating arrangement and ticket collection.

Last event was folk dancing, arranged by Edna Spaulding and Al Hartzell, followed by more refreshments.

-- Elizabeth Perry

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